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SUBJ: THIRD COUNTRY RESETTLEMENT - FRANCE/US

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1. EMBASSY CONTACTED QUAI CONCERNING GOF'S NEW POLICY CONCERNING MANY REFUGEES IN THE US SYSTEM OF ISSUING VISAS ONLY TO HEADS OF HOUSEHOLD UNTIL HUSBANDS HAVE FOUND JOB IN FRANCE AND CAN PROVE ABILITY TO SUPPORT FAMILY. QUAI STATED THAT IT HAD ADOPTED THIS POLICY BECAUSE IT DOES NOT WANT TO CLOG UP ITS REFUGEE CENTERS. QUAI WILL AUTHORIZE VISAS TO REMAINING MEMBERS OF HOUSEHOLD WHEN IT IS CONVINCED THAT SPONSOR OR HUSBAND CAN SUPPORT THEM SO THAT THEY WILL NOT END UP IN REFUGEE CENTERS. CONTRARY TO SOME PREVIOUS CASES, GOF WILL ISSUE VISAS TO REMAINING MEMBERS EVEN IF THEY HAVE LEFT US CAMPS AND ARE IN PROCESS OF RESETTLEMENT IN US. THEY SAID THAT THERE WERE NOT MANY OF THESE CASES, BUT WE WERE UNABLE TO FIND OUT EVEN APPROXIMATE NUMBER.

2. THE EMBASSY AGREES WITH CIVILIAN COORDINATOR CAMP PENDLETON (REF (A)) THAT THIS FRENCH POLICY PROMISES
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TO COMPLICATE US REFUGEE PROGRAM AND HINDER REUNIFICATION

AND RESETTLEMENT OF FAMILIES. IT MAY IN PARTICULAR
REDUCE THE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES ELECTING TO COME TO
FRANCE.

3. A NUMBER OF HEADS OF FAMILIES WHO PRECEDED THEIR
FAMILIES TO FRANCE FROM US SYSTEM HAVE ALREADY
TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT, CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS, THEY
HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND EMPLOYMENT IN FRANCE; THEY
REQUESTED PAROLE BACK TO THE US TO REJOIN FAMILIES.
ACCORDING TO GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REFTELS B AND C THEY
ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE TO RETURN TO US, BUT MUST
WAIT AND APPLY FOR IMMIGRANT VISAS WHEN RELATIVES IN US
ARE ABLE TO PETITION FOR THEM.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GOF WILL BE UNWILLING TO MODIFY
SYSTEM AT THIS TIME TO PERMIT WHOLE FAMILIES TO COME
TO FRANCE FROM THE US IN CASES WHERE THERE IS A STRONG
LIKELIHOOD THAT THE DEPENDENTS WILL MAKE DEMANDS ON
LIMITED FRENCH RECEPTION CENTER FACILITIES. IN ADDITION
TO THE FAMILIES WHICH GOF IS ACCEPTING FROM EAST ASIA,
GOF MUST NOW HAVE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR THE FRENCH
CITIZENS BEING EVACUATED FROM SAIGON. FURTHER, SOME
FAMILIES WHICH GOF HAD EXPECTED TO BE CARED FOR BY
SPONSORS END UP IMPOSING ON GOF FACILITIES. IT THEREFORE
SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO ASK GOF TO
ACCEPT DEPENDENTS ALONG WITH PRINCIPAL EVEN SHOULD WE
INDICATE WE MIGHT FREEZE A HEAD OF FAMILY IN THE CAMP
UNTIL HIS FAMILY IS AUTHORIZED TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO FRANCE.
IF DEPARTMENT WISHES TO ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THIS FUNDA-
MENTAL FRENCH POLICY, WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT PREPARE A
WRITTEN AIDE MEMOIRE AND PRESENT IT TO FRENCH AMBASSADOR
IN WASHINGTON FOR TRANSMISSION TO GOF. IT WILL REQUIRE

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A HIGH LEVEL GOF DECISION TO OVERRULE THE CURRENT QUAI
POLICY.

5. WHEN IT BECOMES BETTER-KNOWN IN THE CAMPS THAT JOBS
ARE HARD TO COME BY IN FRANCE AND THAT REFUGEES ARE
NOT ELIGIBLE FOR US PAROLE ONCE THEY HAVE COME TO FRANCE
FOR PERMANENT SETTLEMENT, THOSE ORIGINALLY INTENDING TO
COME TO FRANCE MAY INSTEAD NOW ELECT TO REMAIN IN THE US
IN ORDER TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF FAMILY SEPARATION.

6. THE CHOICE BEFORE THE US APPEARS THEREFORE BETWEEN
ENCOURAGING OR DISCOURAGING HEADS OF FAMILIES FROM
PRECEDING THEIR FAMILIES TO FRANCE ON A SCOUTING MISSION
FOR EMPLOYMENT. THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF DENYING "SECOND
PAROLE" SHOULD SOON DISCOURAGE FAMILY HEADS FROM COMING TO
FRANCE, PARTICULARLY IF THEY ARE INFORMED AT THE TIME OF
DEPARTURE, AS WE BELIEVE THEY SHOULD BE, THAT THEY WILL
BE INELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE TO RETURN TO THE US. NET
RESULT WILL PROBABLY BE DECREASE IN NUMBER WILLING TO
GAMBLE ON FRANCE'S SETTLEMENT POSSIBILITIES (REFTEL D).
IF WE ARE TO ENCOURAGE THE FRENCH SYSTEM, WE SHOULD BE
PREPARED TO PAROLE BACK INTO THE US THOSE WHO CAN
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DEMONSTRATE THEY HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT TO FIND EMPLOY-
MENT IN FRANCE, WITHOUT SUCCESS. (WE PRESUME THAT US WILL
CONTINUE TO LET OUT OF THE CAMPS THE FAMILY MEMBERS
REMAINING BEHIND AS SPONSORS BECOME AVAILABLE AND ALSO
THAT THE GOF WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT THEM IN FRANCE AFTER
THE HEAD OF FAMILY FINDS EMPLOYMENT HERE.)

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT
/IATF DECISION CONCERNING POSITION WE SHOULD TAKE WITH
GOF SINCE WE BELIEVE THAT THE MATTER IS OF SUFFICIENT
IMPORTANCE TO WARRANT FRANCO/US DISCUSSIONS.
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